

## REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11, 13 and 14 under 35 U. S. C. § 102. The Examiner relied upon Wellner U. S. Patent 5,640,193 (hereinafter Wellner) to support this rejection. The Examiner rejected claims 7, 10, 12 and 15 under 35 U. S. C. § 103. The Examiner relied upon the combination of Wellner and Komai U. S. Patent 5,380,993 (hereinafter Komai) to support these rejections.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 11 and 13. Claims 2 and 3 are cancelled without prejudice. The amended claims all now recite “an interface communicating the information data with a mobile phone” and/or “an adaptation so as to be connected to the mobile phone in an attachable/detachable manner.” These elements are disclosed at page 12, lines 11-20 and page 18, lines 4-6, respectively, in the description. Applicant believes that the inventions claimed in the proposed amended claims distinguish patentably over the cited references. For example, and with reference to amended claim 1 and claims depending directly or indirectly from amended claim 1, amended claim 1 provides

“A data output device for transmitting information data including bar-code data, which is read from a bar-code, to an external computer comprising: bar-code reading means for reading the bar-code data; data storing means in which identification data for individually specifying the data output device is stored; control means for transmitting information data which is generated by combining the identification data with the bar-code data read by the bar-code reading means, and *an interface communicating the information data with a mobile phone, wherein said data output device is adapted to be connected to said mobile phone in an attachable/detachable manner.*”

According to an aspect of the invention, the identification data of a user of the data output device (a bar-code reading unit) can be correctly transmitted regardless what/whose mobile phone is attached to the data output device. Wellner neither discloses nor suggests an interface communicating the information data with a mobile phone, and an attachable/detachable connection between the data output device and the mobile phone. Therefore, Wellner cannot provide a substantially similar operation/effect to that of the present invention. Neither does Komai disclose or suggest an interface communicating the information data with a mobile phone, and an attachable/detachable connection between the data output device and the mobile phone. Therefore, Komai cannot provide a substantially similar operation/effect to that of the present invention. Since neither of the references upon which the Examiner relies to support the rejections discloses or suggests an interface

communicating the information data with a mobile phone, and an attachable/detachable connection between the data output device and the mobile phone, no combination of them can fairly be said to disclose or suggest an interface communicating the information data with a mobile phone, and an attachable/detachable connection between the data output device and the mobile phone.

The Examiner also cited U. S. Patent 5,315,508 as of interest. Applicant believes his claims, as amended herein, are patentable over the art of record. Therefore, Applicant submits that his claims 1 and 4-15, as amended herein, are in condition for further favorable action, culminating in allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of the term for response to the June 19, 2003 official action to December 19, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorize to charge the \$475.00 fee for this three month extension of time, as well as any additional fees which may be due to constitute this a timely response to the June 19, 2003 official action, to Applicant's undersigned counsel's deposit account 10-0435, with reference to file 29973-68355. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed for that purpose.

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